

## TRIO AGAIN GET DEATH SENTENCE

Lexington, May 23.—Pallid from over seven months' confinement in the death house at the state penitentiary but outwardly as calm and as unperturbed as before, C. O. Fox, S. J. Kirby and Jesse Gappins, convicted murderers of William Brazell, 19-year-old Columbia transfer driver, this afternoon for the second time heard sentence of death passed upon them, the electrocution date being fixed by Judge DeVore for Friday, June 15. The trio's execution under the sentence of death passed upon them, the electrocution date being fixed by Judge DeVore for Friday, June 15. The trio's execution under the sentence of death passed upon them, the electrocution date being fixed by Judge DeVore for Friday, June 15.

Fox, Kirby and Gappins were convicted in Lexington September 21, 1921, and were sentenced by Judge Sease to die in the electric chair on October 21. Gappins and Kirby filed notice of appeal, but of the two only Gappins' appeal was completed. This was dismissed a few weeks ago by the supreme court on the motion of Solicitor T. C. Callison of Lexington that the appeal was without merit. Fox's execution was stayed by an application for a writ of habeas corpus before Associate Justice T. P. Cottrill made the day prior to the date set for his execution. The writ was denied by Justice Cottrill and the day of execution beyond the date set was then obtained by an appeal to the supreme court. This appeal, like Kirby's, was never completed.

The three men, handcuffed together, were taken from the death house at about 11:15 o'clock this morning and under guard were brought to Lexington. At 12:05 o'clock they were led into the court room and there, the handcuffs having been removed, were placed in the dock. Solicitor Callison then made his argument before Judge DeVore for the declaration by the court of the abandonment of the appeals of Fox and Kirby on the grounds that they had not been completed within the time prescribed by law. This was allowed and the three men were then arraigned. Once again the indictment was read to them and once again they were asked if they had anything to say as to why sentence of death should not be passed upon them.

Fox's name was called first and his only reply to the query was, "I don't concede that I have had a fair trial. I don't think I've had justice." Kirby thought, he said, that he had not even been tried. "The records of the court," he said, "will show that the grand jury was not properly sworn and therefore I do not think that I have had a legal trial. This was the reason that my appeal was not completed." Gappins made a somewhat more elaborate statement, charging that the truth had never been told about his participation in the crime. "I'm not guilty of murder," he said. "I haven't got justice and if the truth had been told all the way round I would not have been convicted. When I stand before God I'll get justice, but I haven't had justice here. Some people have not told the truth." This statement is in agreement with Gappins' attitude throughout the two day trial last September when he stoutly maintained that he had been ignorant of any plot to steal Brazell's automobile and that he had taken no active part in the boy's murder.

The three statements heard, Judge DeVore then pronounced sentence upon them, the trio being sentenced as one man. As had been the case when they were first sentenced the three men showed very few signs of emotion. Fox chewing gum or some similar substance throughout the entire procedure. Gappins again was the most nervous of the three, constantly wiping his face for perspiration that was not always there. The three men, were dressed especially for the occasion in costly shirt and comparatively new suits. Kirby wore glasses. Save for the unhealthy pallor of faces and arms they showed few effects from their long stay in the death house. Both Fox and Gappins had taken on considerable weight.

The sentencing over, the three men were then handcuffed together again and led out of the court house to the waiting limousine outside. Preceded by a number of officers and followed by two other automobiles, carrying guards, the limousine was then driven back to the penitentiary where the three men were once more placed in their death house cells to await the execution of the sentence of death 25 days away.

The trio chatted and laughed among themselves on the rear seat of the car both on the trip to Lexington and on the return journey to the state penitentiary. Only once, however, did any of them mention the crime or the trial. On the return trip Gappins, speaking to Kirby over Fox, who was handcuffed between them, remarked, "Well, I suppose you'll tell the truth about all this before you go." And Kirby, as he had done before while the trial was in progress, replied, "The truth has been told."

Elijah Brock of Whitmire was a business visitor to Union today.

## PYTHIANS PLAN TO BUILD HOME

By Staff Correspondent

Spartanburg, S. C., May 23.—South Carolina Pythians blazed the train today for the construction of a skyscraper in Columbia to be known as Pythian headquarters. The grand lodge met this morning and the feature of the first day's session was the report of the Pythian service commission. The board recommended that the grand lodge appoint a board of corporators to proceed at once in conjunction with representatives of Columbia lodges to secure sufficient subscriptions to obtain a charter, and that the board be authorized to solicit lodges throughout the state to bring the project to a successful conclusion.

The report was read by the Rev. L. J. Bristow and the grand lodge will take action tomorrow. The commission submitted the following proposal: "The Pythian service commission of the grand lodge beg to report that in a full consideration of service to be rendered to the order in South Carolina at this time, it is our judgment that the greatest forward movement would be the construction of a Pythian building worthy of the best traditions and loftiest ideals of the order located in the capital of the state.

"After a conference with Columbia Pythians and a full consideration of the entire matter we submit the following proposition: First, That a distinctive Pythian building be constructed in which ample provision shall be made for grand lodge officers in which shall be located the office of the grand keeper of records and seal, a vault to the protection of all records and supplies of the grand lodge, and a castle hall large enough to accommodate the grand lodge at such times as it cares to meet in Columbia.

"Our idea is that the building should be from six to ten stories high with modern offices and space for mercantile establishments on the ground floor. The rent would make the erection of the building a good business investment.

"We recommend that the grand lodge go on record as heartily favoring such a building with the understanding that the grand lodge is not to assume any financial obligations.

"Second, That the grand lodge name at this meeting, in a manner to be decided by it, a board of corporators who shall proceed at once in conjunction with representatives of the Columbia lodges to secure sufficient subscriptions to obtain a charter and with the understanding that in the said charter there shall be a provision that the grand lodge shall be represented on the board of directors by at least three men who shall be named by the grand lodge for such terms as it may elect.

"Third, That the new building project be known as the South Carolina Pythian building corporation and that permission is hereby granted for appeals to be made to subordinate lodges to obtain subscriptions to the capital stock and that no stock be sold outside of the membership of the order."

Delegates from Columbia lodges say several sites have been spotted for the proposed building and that about \$300,000 will be expended for the lot and construction of the home for Pythians.

Over 200 delegates from all parts of the state are attending the Spartanburg convention. The grand lodge degree was conferred on 48 junior past chancellors this morning by William Goldsmith and B. A. Morgan of Greenville and Dr. G. A. Neuffer of Abbeville, all past grand chancellors.

### Program of Girls Recitation Contest

High school auditorium, Wednesday, 8:30 P. M.

Grammar Grade Contestants.

Piano Duet—Agnes Rice and Fannie Lee Sparks.

The Wedding Gift—Sara Carnell. Polly of the Circus—Nancy Ward. Bobbie Shaftoe—Jennie Harris.

Lasca—Evelyn Kelly. Little Joe—Elizabeth McNeill. The Highwayman—Mattie Sue Deason.

Piano Solo—Rita Spears. High School Contestants.

The Legend of King Nilas—Thelma Hodge. The Little Rebel—Frances Raser. The Builder of the Amphitheatre—Hattie Humphries.

Kate Shelly—Ina Mae Wilburn. Piano Solo—Agnes Rice. Delivery of Medals.

### City's New Sprinkler Is Now on Duty

The city's new automobile truck sprinkler is here and is on the job. We gladly welcome its coming. It is a "peach" and will, we hope, enable us to say "good bye" to the dust.

## UNCLE SAM GIVES VACATION FREE

Three motor parties leave Columbia early today, to carry into as many areas of South Carolina in ten days the message that the United States government desires to provide 1,000 or more young Carolinians with a fine vacation of a month this summer without expense to themselves.

Col. Clarke Smith, chief of staff. Eighty-second division, is dispatching on this mission several members of his staff and other officers. Lists will be open until May 31.

Maj. Rafael A. Segarra goes today to Orangeburg, thence to Charleston, Georgetown, Conway, Marion, Florence and Manning, making stops at way points, and getting into touch with posts of the American Legion, school officials and the chambers of commerce. He will have with him Major Grant of the medical corps, so that applicants whom he may accept may then and there be given the necessary "once over."

Maj. Josiah Kemp, heading another party will visit Camden, Lancaster, Rock Hill, York, Cheraw, Bennettsville and Darlington. Colonel Lee, brought on from Florida, will cover Spartanburg, Greenville, Laurens and Anderson.

Capt. Harry Luck, who recently returned from overseas, and is now stationed at Anderson, as executive officer, Three Hundred and Twenty-seventh infantry, will travel Pickens, Abbeville, Union, Greenwood and Cherokee counties.

These camps offer a month of healthful, manly, outdoor military training for physically fit citizens between the ages of 17 and 27 years; men with prior service may be accepted up to 35. It will be an interesting vacation, fraught with pleasures and educational features. Nearly every community in the state comprises some boys who have been through the similar camp held last summer at Camp Jackson, which was a great success, from the boys' standpoint as well as the army's. Red, white and blue courses will be maintained.

All expenses including railway fare and board, is borne by the government. Accepted applicants will advance their transportation charge in reporting, but these will be refunded immediately upon arrival.

Men from this state who wish training in infantry, cavalry, field artillery or engineer work will spend their vacations at Camp McClellan, Alabama; those who prefer the coast artillery work will go to Fort Barrancas, Florida.

Full information and the application blanks may be obtained either from the parties of officers who start their tours today, or on request will be mailed from the division headquarters in Columbia, at 1202 1-2 Main street.—The State.

Union boys for further information see Harry M. Arthur.

### Preaching at Mt. Lebanon

There will be preaching at Mt. Lebanon Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Haydock. You are invited.

### Preaching at Black Rock

Rev. Batchelor, the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Whitmire, will preach at Black Rock church Sunday afternoon, May 28th. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### Prayer Meeting Postponed

There will be no prayer service at the First Baptist church this evening on account of the commencement exercises at the high school.

### W. T. Sinclair Will Move Into New Quarters

W. T. Sinclair, dealer in electrical fixtures and who does electrical wiring, will, as soon as the interior is renovated, move one door above where he is now located opposite the post-office. Mr. Sinclair will have a splendid display of electric light chandeliers and fixtures.

### J. Ben Foster Erecting Buildings

J. Ben Foster is having three large brick store rooms erected on the site where the stores were burned on Gaddy street a few months ago. Mr. Foster says he has not yet decided it, but may build two stories high, having a large hall upstairs over the stores.

### Three Firemen, Two Tunnel Worker Dead

Milwaukee, May 24.—Three firemen and two tunnel workers were killed by gas and electricity at the bottom of a sewer where nearly a score of firemen were overcome. The firemen were trying to rescue the dead tunnel workers.

## FARMER MAY GET PLACE ON BOARD

Washington, May 23.—The agrarian bloc of congress congratulates itself tonight on what it believes to be the certainty of the elimination of W. P. G. Harding, governor of the federal reserve board.

The house this afternoon passed two senate amendments to the act, which created the federal reserve system. One of them emanating from Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina provided that the president shall appoint to the first vacancy on the board a "dirt" farmer. The other offered by Senator W. J. Harris of Georgia provided that before the federal reserve board can approve the construction of any building costing more than \$250,000 it must secure the permission of congress.

The first vacancy to occur in the membership of the federal reserve board will be when the term of Governor Harding expires in August. Governor Harding is regarded as one of the most expert financiers in the United States and banking associations in many commonwealths of the union have recently endorsed his administration and urged the president to give him another term. But he is not a "dirt" farmer.

It is regarded as certain that the president will approve the amendments which have passed both houses.

In that event he will be compelled to appoint a "dirt" farmer to succeed Governor Harding, one to whom the president will name is regarded as doubtful, although Senator Smith of South Carolina has been mentioned. The president might be deterred in appointing Senator Smith, however, because of his recent appointment of former Gov. R. M. Cooper of the same state to be a member of the federal farm loan board.

Certain members of the agrarian bloc of the senate have been especially bitter in their criticism of Governor Harding. Senator J. H. Heflin of Alabama has been especially vindictive in his charges. Governor Harding was responsible for the Republican panic, which he contended, "prompted many thousands of men to commit suicide."

The president, it is understood, was moved by the charges of the agrarian bloc and about concluded not to reappoint Governor Harding. It is regarded as certain now that he will act in response to the demand of congress.

Numerous banking associations have recently appealed to the president to reappoint Governor Harding. It has been contended that his administration of the federal reserve act saved the country during the panic and that just as prosperity returns it would be folly to remove him from office.

The amendments passed the house without a dissenting vote.

### Indiana Republicans In Convention

Indianapolis, May 24.—Indiana Republicans are meeting in state convention and heard the party leaders sound the keynote for the fall campaign.

Senator Watson presented the claim that the efficient and wise management of the nation's domestic and international affairs had brought about substantial results in the relieving evils of the eight years of Democratic misrule.

### Leading Bankers Meet in Paris

Paris, May 24.—Leading bankers from many nations, with J. P. Morgan as the American representative, are here to discuss the financial means for the settlement of European situation with a loan to Germany considered as one of the first measures necessary.

### Thirty Thousand Mile Flight Around World

Croydon, England, May 24.—Major W. T. Blake and two companions have started on a 30,000 mile airplane flight around the world.

### Southern Baseball Figure Passes

Memphis, May 24.—Charles Frank, a Southern baseball figure, is dead here after a long illness.

### Monarch News

The ladies of Mr. Charley Moss's class had a delightful basket picnic at the Forest last Saturday afternoon, from 3 to 7 o'clock. All the ladies had their sweethearts along and there were about 75 young folk present. This is the first basket picnic from Mon-Aetna Sunday school, but as the ice is now broken, we may turn out several.

Rev. H. Haydock has just returned from a pleasant and enjoyable trip to the Southern Baptist convention at Jacksonville, Fla., a trip given him by the Mon-Aetna Baptist church.

## COTTON GROWERS UNITING EFFORT

Bennettsville, May 23.—One of the largest gatherings of farmers of Marlboro county met today at noon in the court house. A permanent county organization was made of the cooperative marketing cotton association. Fully 90 per cent of subscriptions were represented. The following officers were elected: W. B. Drake, president; M. W. Adams, vice president; R. M. Pratt, secretary. The executive committee is composed of W. B. Drake, M. W. Adams, R. M. Pratt, W. M. Fletcher, T. C. Hamer, C. M. Honeysuckle, C. P. Hodgess, Dr. C. D. Napier, Frank Manning, Jr., A. L. Calhoun, S. O. Pegues. The executive committee together with the following representatives were elected as delegates to the district convention to be held at Bennettsville on May 29: E. W. Evans, Mrs. J. A. Stanton, Jr., J. F. Pegues, W. H. Grant, Don McQueen, J. A. Willis, J. D. Edens, Miss A. W. Evans and Edgar Gibson.

At the approaching district meeting two names will be selected as directors of this district, one of which will be elected by a ballot of all the signers of the cooperative marketing association in this district.

One of the most important steps taken at the meeting today was set forth in a resolution unanimously endorsing E. W. Evans as a suitable member of the state board of directors and as representative on this board from this district. Mr. Evans is one of the largest planters in the Pee Dee section. He took an active interest and was chairman of the committee that placed Marlboro county in the forefront of all counties subscribing to the cooperative marketing association. He is also well qualified as a business man for he is vice president and one of the directors of the Union Savings bank of Bennettsville, and also a director of the Peoples National bank of Bennettsville. The officers, directors, and delegates are among the most substantial farmers and business men of this county and the personnel of the county organization will carry with it absolute confidence in this section.

### Virginia's Historical Pageant in Full Swing

Richmond, May 24.—Scenes depicting the incidents of the American Revolutionary War, and the War of 1812 are featured in the parade at the opening of the third day's activities of the Virginia historical pageants.

### Wall Street Receives Cut With Relief

New York, May 24.—Wall Street received with evident relief the new railroad freight reduction by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Most better known railroad stocks are conspicuously strong at the opening market and the gains are running from fractions to over one point.

### Governor Wood Safe Following Typhoon

Manila, May 24.—Leonard Wood, governor of the Philippines, is safe after being missing for 36 hours on the Yacht Apo following a typhoon.

### Circles of First Baptist Church

The Circles of the First Baptist church will meet Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the following homes: No. 1—Mrs. Mobley Jeter. No. 2—Mrs. Lizzie Sims. No. 3—Mrs. R. B. Gilliam. No. 4—Mrs. J. H. Bartles. No. 5—Mrs. R. E. White.

### Ice Cream Supper

There will be an ice cream supper at Duck Pond church Saturday night, May 27th. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the church.

### Preaching at Parham School House

There will be preaching at Parham school house Sunday afternoon, May 28, by Rev. Mr. Webb of Buffalo. Everybody is invited to attend.

### Grace Methodist Church

Because of the commencement exercises there will be no prayer meeting this evening at this church.

### TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

	Open	Close
January	19.62	19.38
March	19.43	19.65
May	21.35	21.15
July	20.05	20.19
October	19.85	20.06
December	19.72	19.99
N. Y. Spots	21.50	
Local market	20.00	20.00

## NEGRO ELUDES GEORGIA MOB

Irwintown, Ga., May 24.—Jim Denison, negro, is believed to have broken all lynching records by escaping a mob after the rope had been placed about his neck. It is reported that he is attempting to elude the sheriff's posse and to reach the Macon "mob proof" jail.

Irwinton, Ga., May 23.—An automobile accident early this morning cheated a Wilkinson county mob of Jim Denison, 20, a negro who had been dragged from the local jail a few minutes before he was to be put to death by mob violence for a crime he is alleged to have committed three years ago.

At dusk this afternoon Sheriff Player of Wilkinson and his posse, aided by dogs, reported the negro surrounded near Sandy Creek, four miles south of this place and his recapture is expected during the night. Officers are satisfied that the negro escaped the mob, he having been seen and identified four times during the day.

The negro's escape shatters all mob records in Georgia. Never before, it is believed has a man staged a get away from a group of angry men who were en route to a scene selected to rear revenge. Many have been rescued by sheriffs and other officers.

Denison is believed to be attempting to elude the sheriff and his posse in order that he may get to Macon. He is said to have expressed a desire to reach Macon and surrender there in order that he may be lodged in a "mob proof" jail.

The negro has been twice sentenced to death, the last sentence having been imposed by Judge James B. Park here yesterday, the court setting the date of June 16. Two carpenters arrived here this morning to build a gallows but their job has been postponed indefinitely.

Milledgeville, Ga., May 23.—The first information that Jim Denison had gotten away from the mob was taken to Irwinton today by a farmer of Wilkinson county, according to information brought here tonight. The farmer was in the field with several negro hands when he observed a bare-headed negro approach. "The negro, however, ran when he discovered the white farmer.

"What was the matter with that negro?" the farmer asked one of his hands.

"That's Jim Denison," came the reply. "He says he escaped from lynchers and that they are hunting him."

Denison was then out of sight, but the farmer carried the news to the sheriff and then the hunt for Denison alive was begun. The sheriff had believed Denison dead until then. The farmer's story was later confirmed it is stated, from other sources.

People who left Wilkinson county as late as 2 o'clock tonight said Denison had not been captured. The mob was still pursuing, however.

### Buffalo Locals

Mrs. Covie Nance returned Sunday from Spartanburg, where she has been spending a few days.

Mr. L. G. Sumner, who is choir leader in the Haggard revival in Gaffney, spent Sunday with his family here.

Miss Maine Brockman of Greenville is spending a few days with Miss Viola Trogon.

Rev. R. D. Webb returned Monday after spending the week-end with relatives in Henrietta, N. C.

Mrs. J. M. Wilburn has returned after a delightful visit to her daughter in Savannah, Ga.

On last Sunday Mr. E. W. Tucker had a big birthday dinner which was enjoyed by many of his friends who he had invited. The table was simply burdened with good things to eat of all description, among them being a big fish stew which was enjoyed very much by all. We wish for Mr. Tucker many more happy birthdays.

Rev. J. M. Trodon and family will leave next Tuesday for their new home at York, S. C.

### Rare Collection of Old Silver Found

London, May 23.—The title of Viscount Traprain, assumed by the Earl of Balfour, is taken from the famous hill, Traprain Law, on his East Lothian estate of Whittinghame.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Lois Snyder of Winthrop College is in the city this week in the interest of home demonstration work.

Miss Bessie Dye of Kershaw is the guest of Mrs. P. B. Barnes on South Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jolly will move next week into their new home on Catherine street.

Mrs. Curran Easley (Polly Jeter) of Greenville will arrive Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jeter, near Santuc.

Miss Clarice Burns of Swansea is a visitor in Union for the commencement exercises at the high school.

## WILL REDUCE FREIGHT RATES

Washington, May 24.—Reduction in freight rates averaging about 10 per cent is ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a decision resulting from the inquiry into the general rate structure of the nation. The cut is fixed at 14 per cent for the eastern territory, 13½ for the Western, and 12½ for the Southern and Mountain Pacific territories.

All reductions are effective July 1 and constitute a greater cut than was generally expected.

The commission in ordering the decreases which are on a horizontal basis held that the railroads are entitled to earn 5½ per cent on the value of their property rather than approximately 6 per cent, fixed as the reasonable return of the transportation act of 1920.

Passenger and Pullman rates are unaffected, agricultural products are not affected by the reduction. The voluntary cut made by the railroads on January 1 substituting for the decision on these commodities.

The commission defined the percentages of reduction of the Southern district as 12½ per cent instead of 25 per cent as authorized in 1920. The commission expressed in conclusion that "the assumption that the railroad rates can or should be stabilized on the present high basis is futile."

The general question of whether railroad transportation charges in the United States had attained levels too high for business and industry to support was brought formally before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the fall of 1921 on the commission's own motion although in response to nation-wide commercial and political suggestions. Farm organizations and representatives of Western states, particularly those in the grain producing area, obtained marked concessions about that time to which railroads voluntarily added a 10 per cent reduction on practically all agricultural products all over the United States except in New England.

Before the commission, however, the railroad executives, statistical experts and attorneys developed the argument that railroad earnings were insufficient to justify any general decreases, at least until operating expenses and wage payments, as regulated by the railroad labor board, had been reduced. Every major industry in the United States was represented in the hearings, along with state legislative bodies, most of whom sought lowering of transportation charges, but diverged in the degree of urgency which they suggested for the commission's action. The hearings extended over four months.

### Federal Charges Made Against Six

Anderson, May 23.—The first bill of indictment handed the grand jury today when the federal court of the Western district convened was one in which the government charges Campbell Courtenay, St. John Courtenay, Ashmead Courtenay, Edwin P. Frost, Henry Rutledge Buist and Francis J. Polzer with conspiracy to defraud the government. A separate bill charges Campbell Courtenay with perjury, and two additional bills charge St. John Courtenay and Campbell Courtenay with violation of the income tax law.

Judge H. H. Watkins explained the first bill to the grand jury by saying that when two or more persons agree or conspire to commit any offense against the United States, and that one of the party does any act to effect the object of such agreement or conspiracy, then all were guilty of conspiracy. The indictment, he said in part, charges these men, as officers and directors of the Courtenay Manufacturing company of making a fraudulent income tax return.

In the case against Campbell Courtenay, charged with violation of the income tax law, it was alleged that he omitted from his return any profit from the sale of his stocks, while evidence of the government showed a profit from the sale of shares of Victor Monaghan mill stock, said Judge Watkins, and the same charge is made against St. John Courtenay as against Campbell Courtenay.

The offense of conspiracy is punishable by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than two years, or both, and the penalty for perjury is a fine of not more than \$2,000, or not more than five years imprisonment, Judge Watkins told the jury.

Miss Lily Cornwell of Santuc is among the shoppers in Union today.

Rev. L. W. Blackwelder will preach the annual Ascension Day sermon before Spartanburg Commandery No. 3, Thursday, May 25th.

Dr. and Mrs. E. S. Reeves and Miss Marie Reeves will attend the graduation exercises at Furman University this week. Howard Reeves is a member of the graduation class.